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## Grave Fears for Joseph Chamberlain

Rumored in London That Health Is Shattered so Seriously as to Imply Retirement.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE VICTORIA COLONIST.

London, March 10.—Grave fears are felt as to the condition of former Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain, who is now in Egypt on a vacation trip.

Reports are in circulation among members of parliament that he is suffering from an incurable malady, and it was whispered about today that he was in the first stages of softening of the brain. Where this latter report originated could not be learned, nor was it possible to obtain information of any character regarding it from circles close to Mr. Chamberlain.

The intimates of the former colonial secretary are, naturally, loth to credit the report, and endeavor to refute it, while the opponents of the fiscal policy advocated by the statesman are inclined to believe that it is so. They declare that his departure for Egypt on the eve of the opening of parliament, with open warfare against his favorite issue threatened, indicates that his condition is serious.

The suggestion is freely offered that Mr. Chamberlain's condition is the result of a cab accident in which he was involved at the time of the coronation of His Majesty.



Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain

### FIRE IN TORONTO

Toronto, March 9.—Fire last night completely destroyed the five-story factory of D. W. Thompson Company, upholsterers, and basket makers, Buchanan street. W. B. Jameson, a wood-working machinist, who jumped from the fifth story, is not expected to live, as his skull is fractured. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

## Japs Score a Victory on Land

In Skirmish with Russian Scouting Party They Force Enemy to Retreat—Clash Imminent.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

Wei Hai Wei, March 10.—It is reported on excellent authority that a skirmish has occurred between a Russian scouting party which had penetrated as far southward as Haijun, and a Japanese force. The Russians are reported to have been compelled to retreat. Nothing is known as to the loss on each side.

Tokio, March 10.—There seems little doubt that the bombardment of Port Arthur was resumed today, but at the war office all information on the subject is refused. Persistent rumors to this effect are in circulation, however, in quarters where there should be knowledge of the truth or falsity of reports, and as no effort is being made to discredit it, the assumption is that it is well founded.

The Russian advance into northeastern Korea continues, according to the latest advices received at the war office. It is likely that a serious clash will soon take place in that vicinity.

The mission of Marquis Ito to Korea, it is emphatically stated, will not be of an administrative character, but rather a strong expression of the relations the Mikado desires to establish in Korea.

### China With Japan.

Paris, March 10.—A despatch from Harbin states that the attitude of Chinese officials throughout Manchuria is one of consistent hostility to Russia. In many cases the Chinese forbid the sale of supplies and provisions on the ground that it is a violation of neutrality. The Japanese, according to Russian reports, are distributing maps of Port Arthur showing the forts there in the possession of Japanese and the Russians driven out of the neighborhood.

## Russia Is Outwitted In South Manchuria

Japanese Secured a Strong Foothold and Now in Force Seventy Miles East of New Chang—Surprised Enemy at Huang Cheng—Russians Abandon Position.

Will Be Very Tedious Job

Delimitation of Boundary Between Canada and Alaska Will Take Two Years.

Application to Be Made to the Admiralty For Cruisers For Naval Reserve.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 9.—It is said that the work of delimiting the boundary between Canada and Alaska under the London award of last autumn, will take a couple of years. The topographical branch of the department of the interior has many photographs of the district recently in dispute, which will be of some assistance to Messrs. King and Inman in actually marking the boundary upon the maps. It will be essential, however, to give definiteness to the boundary, and to avoid friction a line will be drawn from end to end with permanent monuments of some kind, in order that there may be no further disputes as to its exact location. This may take eight or ten years more, as it involves covering miles of unsurveyed and unoccupied territory.

After the session Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, will go to England to confer with the admiralty for the purpose of obtaining two warships in which to train Canadians for the naval reserve. This is in connection with the bill which the minister will introduce during the coming session to establish a navy in Canada. One of the cruisers will be placed on the Pacific and one on the Atlantic coasts. A general meeting of the Hibernian Club will be held next Monday to consider the recent blackballing of Ministers Broderick and Prefontaine. A resolution will be presented to authorize the committee of management to transfer to ordinary membership any one previously elected as privileged members.

### DOMINION LINE.

Montreal, March 9.—The announcement was made today that during the coming season the Dominion line boats running to Liverpool would not carry any first-class passengers, accommodations being divided into second and third. The announcement of the purchase of the plant of the Locomotive & Machine Company, Ltd., of Montreal, by the American Locomotive Company, show that the price paid was \$1,500,000. Of this \$1,000,000 will be expended upon the plant, that 2,000 men will be employed and that the capacity of the works to begin with will be 150 locomotives per annum.

### BAD HABIT

Is that of mixing drinks but

### A GOOD HABIT

Is that of mixing your drinks with

Thorp's Pale

Dry

Ginger Ale.

Tientsin, March 10.—According to circumstantial reports, the Japanese have secured a foothold in southern Manchuria, and are now in force seventy miles east of New Chang. Not only that, but they have succeeded in attaining a position that threatens the Russian columns with Port Arthur and New Chang. If they are successful in the impending battle, they will be enabled to co-operate with the army now in northern Korea with headquarters in Ping Yang, and make untenable the Russian entrenchments along the Yalu river.

By a series of rapid marches the Japanese succeeded in surprising the Russian force that had been sent to

throw up entrenchments at Ping Huang Cheng, and compelled them to abandon the position. The Russians being outnumbered and unable to secure the commanding position planned. The Japanese army then marched northward to an eastern pass to Takung Ling, and are now moving on Hai Feng and Lio Yang, where a force of 35,000 Russians are strongly entrenched. An engagement is imminent at the latter place, and if the Japanese are successful, the line of communication with Port Arthur will be cut, endangering the safety of the fortress, while New Chang and its port, Yinkow, are almost certain to fall.

In their present movements the Japanese are following exactly the same tactics as were shown in the Chinese-Japanese war, and are moving over precisely the same ground. The rapidity of the Japanese movement has bewildered the Russian commanders, and the result is that many small parties have been cut off and compelled to fight. All of these skirmishes have proved costly to the Russians, who have lost quite a number of men. This, however, is not the worst, as the apparent incompetency of their commanders has disheartened the Russian troops, who consequently are unable to fight with the spirit that means victory.

### CHARLES FIELDING DEAD.

Halifax, N. S., March 9.—Charles Fielding, aged 81 years and father of Hon. W. S. Fielding, died today at Noel, Haute county. Deceased did business in Halifax previous to 1891, but of late years had been a resident of Noel.

### A GERMAN VIEW.

Berlin, March 9.—The Fleet, the official publication of the German Naval League, says that the happenings in the Far East point with flaming fingers to the urgent necessity for hastening the building of the German fleet programme.

After pointing out that Germany might become tangled in a war against her will, the paper affirms that battleships decide sea fights, while torpedo boats only reach results under specially favorable circumstances. The German duty, before it is too late, is to hurry the construction already authorized and to add to the scheme for naval defence adopted in 1900, because since then Great Britain, Russia and the United States have increased their navies at a more rapid rate.

## FUNERAL OF VON WALDERSEE

Imposing Ceremony at Burial of Late German Field Marshal.

Berlin, March 9.—The funeral of Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee at Hanoover today was an imposing military pageant. Before the hearse walked a Lieutenant bearing the deceased field marshal's baton on a cushion; Count Von Heiden Linden with the insignia of the Order of the Black Eagle, and four other officers carrying the field marshal's other decorations on crimson velvet cushions. Led behind the hearse was Von Waldersee's favorite horse. Next, alone, walked the Crown Prince Frederick William, followed by Princes Henry and Albert, five generals and a great company of officers representing the sovereigns of the German states and deputations from sixty regiments.

The procession moved from the Garrison church to the railway station between ranks of infantry, cavalry and artillery, standing at present arms, while the regimental bands played Chopin's "Dead March." Wreaths were hung from all the street lamps. Countess Von Waldersee, the widow, did not accompany the body to the station, but quietly entered a coach there and went to Neversdorf, Holstein, where the burial will take place tomorrow. Emperor William and the Empress and most of the sovereigns of Europe sent magnificent floral tributes.

## Vladivostock Is Very Bold

Rejoicing Greatly at a Message From Czar on Escape From Bombardment.

Commandant Swears By All the Gods to Get Even on "Insolent Foe."

Vladivostock, March 9.—The Czar, in his message congratulating the defenders of Vladivostock, expressed his conviction that they would all make a rampart of their bodies to protect Russia's stronghold against the attacks of the enemy.

To the message of the Czar, the commandant of the fortress added: "In bringing to your knowledge the precious words of the Czar, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the good order and tranquility you have maintained, and for the readiness shown by you in fulfilling the onerous duties imposed by warfare. Not only have you unflinchingly complied with all the requirements of law, but you have done more. From your wives, sisters and daughters there have come sisters of mercy, and many have joined the corps raised by the town. Whatever forces the insolent foe may bring against the town and the fortress, we will be found faithful and true servants of our father, the Czar. Before the eyes of all Russia, and even before the whole world, we will ever be ready to brave our aggressors in the defence of the stronghold on the shores of the Pacific, which has been entrusted to our care.

"Long life to our great sovereign and to great Russia. Hurrah!"

### ABANDONING NEW CHWANG.

Yin Kow, March 9.—The British consul strongly officially urges the foreign women and children to leave New Chwang before the river opens. The British station gunboat, the Espegie, will leave as soon as possible, and will not be replaced. The family of the United States Consul, Mr. Miller, leaves tomorrow. It is understood that the neutral powers will not embarrass Japan by the presence of warships in the river here, and therefore neutral interests at New Chwang will be officially abandoned.

It is reported that the action of the Russians in ordering New Chwang to be fortified was due to the withdrawal of the foreign warships, thus removing the last possibility of the neutralization of this port. The Russians received by train this morning two five-inch siege guns and two six-pounder howitzers. They were unloaded at the New Chwang railway station.

### POSITION OF MISSIONARIES.

Leominster, Mass., March 9.—Word has been received here by relatives of Rev. Daniel Bell, a missionary on the American board in Japan, to the effect that Mr. Bell has been obliged to leave Sapporo and join the colony of foreign missionaries assembling at Kioto on account of the unsettled condition in the interior of the country. He states that the whole island is greatly excited. People in Japan, however, know but little of the movements of the fleets and armies, as this kind of news is suppressed by the Mikado. Mr. Bell says that from Kioto the missionaries, if need be, can readily catch neutral warships.

### FINANCIAL AGENT.

London, March 9.—M. Takahashi, vice-president of the Bank of Japan, who started from Tokio for the United States February 21 for the purpose of investigating the financial situation generally with a view of floating a loan after if one should be needed, has been appointed financial agent of Japan in London, a newly-created position.

## APPROPRIATION TO B. C. SYNOD

The Presbyterian Home Mission Board Makes a Substantial Grant.

Toronto, March 9.—The annual meeting of the Presbyterian home mission board was held yesterday. The reports presented were very encouraging. The total amount collected during the year was \$114,000. It was decided to appropriate \$27,500 to the synod of British Columbia; also \$2,500 for work among foreigners in British Columbia, and \$4,000 for the Yukon.

Premier Ross last night explained the Ontario government's plan to assist in rehabilitation of the Soo industries. It is proposed to guarantee for two years at 4 per cent, the two million dollar bond of the Algoma Central railway. The Lake Superior Consolidated, when reorganized with three Canadian directors, the president of which, it is understood, will be C. D. Warren, president of the Traders' Bank of Toronto, will issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000, one million of which to be reserved for working expenses and the Speyer loan. All other liabilities will be paid out of a government loan.

### DISASTER AT SEA.

London, March 9.—A special despatch from Paris announced that the French steamer Cambodge, of 2,355 tons, which left Rangoon, February 17th, for Cebu China and European ports has been wrecked in a storm off the coast of Cebu China.

The despatch adds that it is believed a hundred persons perished in the wreck. The Cambodge carried 100 passengers mostly Annamese. About fifty of them were drowned.

### Britain Wide Awake.

London, March 9.—During the discussion of the army estimates in the House of Commons tonight Premier Balfour said that so long as the army home defences were maintained in an adequate condition any invasion of this country by an organized force capable of reducing it to submission was merely a dream; but no man could blind himself to the fact that circumstances in the East were making Great Britain's interests continuous with another great military power; and those circumstances must be taken into account in framing the British army estimates.

## Favor Fiscal Investigation

The Association of Chambers of Commerce of United Kingdom With Chamberlain.

Topic Comes Up In House of Commons On Important Motion By Liberal.

London, March 9.—The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom today adopted the following resolution: "That the United Kingdom has just cause for complaint of certain restrictions and unfair arrangements directed against the commerce of the empire; and that the Chambers of Commerce would support His Majesty's government in measures for negotiation, but urge the government to appoint a royal commission to investigate and report on the whole fiscal policy of the nation."

At night session of Commons today session of the House of Commons, Duncan V. Pirie (Liberal) after calling attention to the public utterances of the chancellor of the exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, and other members of the government on the fiscal question, moved "That this house, noting the continued agitation in favor of protective or preferential tariff which is encouraged by the language used by certain of His Majesty's ministers, deem it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy."

Herbert Asquith, the principal opposing speaker, drew from Premier Balfour the admission that he had withdrawn the memorandum presented to the cabinet advocating preferential tariffs and a tax on food. The premier said he did not believe the country would accept any fiscal arrangement with the colonies involving the taxation of food, and contended that Unionists who desired to go further than that were entitled to their view, but that they need not, therefore, vote against the government. Mr. Pirie's motion was finally rejected, 250 votes to 213, and loud opposition cheers greeted the reduction in the government's majority.

A number of free-food Unionists supported Mr. Pirie, and some protectionists abstained from voting.

The fiscal controversy took on a new phase today, when the strength of the Chamberlain party. As an offset to the motion made in the House of Commons by Mr. Pirie, Premier Balfour had put a Conservative member of the House, John Lloyd Wharton, to move an amendment "approving the ministerial declaration on the fiscal policy as including neither a general system of protection nor preference based on the taxation of food."

Chamberlainites to the number of one hundred held a hurried meeting and intimated that unless the Wharton amendment was withdrawn they would abstain from voting on the Pirie motion. As this would almost certainly have led to the defeat of the government, Mr. Wharton's amendment was withdrawn.

This incident proves that Premier Balfour can hold office only by the consent of the pronounced protectionists. In the division on the Pirie motion sixty Nationalists and twenty-five free food Unionists voted against the government.

### FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 9.—Fire this morning damaged the stock of the Canadian Jewellery and Importing Company, Commercial Soap Company, Metropolitan House Provisioning Company, Trudeau & Co., wholesale tobacconists, and the T. Guehin Company, to the extent of \$75,000. The larger portion of this was the stock of the Jewellery company, whose stock was valued at \$55,000. The loss is well covered by insurance.



## Reign of Terror At Springfield

A Threatening Situation as  
Outcome of Starting of  
Race War.

Martial Law Proclaimed and Ex-  
cited Crowds Parading  
the Streets.

Springfield, O., March 9.—The situation here tonight was considered very threatening. Martial law practically existed in the downtown districts and the burned portions of the town formerly occupied by the negro resorts. Ten companies of the Ohio National Guard are on picket duty and several more companies are expected. The saloons closed this afternoon and many other lines of business were suspended. It is estimated that fully 25,000 people thronged the streets, visiting the scenes of the lynching and fire. Mayor Bowls has finally consented to close the remaining negro saloons, hotels and lodging houses, which have been the ban place for the negroes. The mayor has ordered the proprietors in every instance to move out all intoxicating drinks and in some cases the fixtures, including gambling apparatus.

Mayor Bowls today issued a proclamation asking people to keep off the streets. The body of Dixon was sent to Harrodsburg, Ky., to a brother-in-law tonight.

Springfield, O., March 9.—Notwithstanding the presence here of ten companies of troops and the promise of Governor Herrick to give the mayor and sheriff the full military power of the state, warnings were given today that the race trouble following the lynching of the negro Dixon, Monday night, would never cease until all the colored saloons at which there had been so much trouble, were closed. Threats were made to add several more resorts to the place burned last night. Mayor Bowls held a conference with city and county officials and prominent citizens, at which it was decided to close all colored resorts and order their owners to leave the city at once. The colored proprietors readily assented. The colored people are seeking protection today. After the conference at the mayor's office it was also announced that property owners had ordered all undesirable colored tenants to vacate immediately. As they will be unable to secure quarters here under existing conditions, this order is practically expulsion from Springfield. The insurance companies have cancelled all policies on properties occupied by colored tenants along the levee. The militia and police have been arranged for a strong guard on the levee tonight.

Colonel Merrill's troops this afternoon in dispersing a crowd discovered a lot of dynamite that was intended for blowing up the remaining colored division. The troops are dispersing crowds and will control the situation during daylight hours. The city officials have wired Adjutant General Critchfield at Columbus for five more companies tonight, making fifteen companies in all here. Troops from Covington, Easton, Greenville and Sidney will proceed to this city at once.

## GENERAL WOOD ON THE RACK

His Conduct in Philippines Subject of Debate In U. S. Senate.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—The contested appointment of General Leonard Wood to be major-general, was taken up today in executive session of the senate, and, after listening to a brief prepared by Senator Hanna summing up the testimony which had been given in the hearings before the committee on military affairs, and several affidavits obtained since the hearings closed, the senate adjourned.

Senator Foraker announced that he would move to take up the case at every possible opportunity. The document of Mr. Hanna was read as a part of Senator Scott's position to confirmation. Senator Hanna discusses the evidence brought out at the senate committee investigation. He sums up as follows: "The testimony has developed points to which no answer is attempted by General Wood. The committee on military affairs submitted by him prior to his departure for the Philippines, nor can those communications be accepted as a refutation of testimony given by witnesses under the solemnity of an oath. Some of the testimony given by these witnesses has cast serious reflections upon the veracity of General Wood, and it would appear that neither he nor the United States senate, which is asked to confirm his appointment, should rest content until he has been given an opportunity to disprove, specifically and under oath, the damaging statements made on oath concerning his conduct. The facts to which attention will be called would seem to make this necessary, and the honor of the army would seem to demand it."

The brief closes with a review of the testimony in relation to the concession to a Castejuna, concerning which Secretary Root called General Wood as follows: "This permit would appear to be a concession for 50 years and to contravene the policy expressed in the Foraker amendment and the general order number 188, adjutant-general's office, December 24, 1898, and the letter of the secretary of war to you dated June 21, 1901."

"Peraps nowhere in the evidence presented in this case," said Senator Hanna, "has there been shown more conclusively the habit of insubordination on the part of General Wood than in this instance. It became necessary for the secretary of war to send a third command by cable before his orders were carried out by General Wood."

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY.

Boone, Ia., March 9.—Mrs. Sherman Dye, accused of mailing to Miss Rena Nelson, of Pierre, South Dakota, the box of poisoned candy which caused the death of Judge Whitaker, acting in accordance with the decision of Governor Cummins that the laws of Iowa did not make it possible to extradite Mrs. Dye. Mrs. Dye says she is desirous of being cleared of the charge against her, and intimates that she may go to South Dakota to stand trial.

HOCKEY AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, March 9.—(Special).—The Brandon hockey club was defeated by the Ottawas tonight in the Stanley cup match by six to three.

SCULPTOR DEAD.

Albany, March 9.—Erasmus Dow Palmer, famous throughout the world of art as one of the pioneers of American sculpture, died tonight at his home in this city in his 87th year.

## Remarkable Instance Of Japs' Confidence

Have Arranged for Despatch of Coal From  
England to Port Arthur or Vladivostok.  
No News of Russian Squadron.

London, March 10.—The Times this morning publishes what it terms "a remarkable instance of Japanese confidence." The Japanese have arranged for the despatch of coal from England to Port Arthur or Vladivostok, and the steamers taking it are to call at Singapore for definite orders. The coal is explicitly warranted to be Japanese property.

MOUNTING SIEGE GUNS.  
Ying Kow, March 10.—Families of the Russian officials have departed. Siege and field guns are being mounted on the Chinese fort on the east bank of the Liao river. General Kendorovitch is to arrive today. He will establish the headquarters of his five regiments at New Chwang.

A PARIS SENSATION.  
Paris, March 10.—The Figaro this morning gives great prominence to the recital of an alleged attempt to sell French naval secrets to Japan, which, however, has been semi-officially declared to be unimportant. This communication was made through a news agency. According to the Figaro story, a non-commissioned officer has been arrested who is alleged to have sold to the Japanese a list of the names of the officers of the French navy. It adds that one important document is missing, although this statement has been semi-officially denied. The Math quotes a high authority to the effect that there has been no bet-

## Russians Had to Retire With Serious Losses!

Japs Are Across the Yalu, Well to the West-  
ward, and Early Capture of Mukden  
a Possibility.

London, March 10.—According to the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the Japanese advanced across the Yalu river, captured Fung Wang Ching, and drove out the Russians in the vicinity of the Taku Lung eastern pass, and they are in fact, seventy miles east of New Chwang.

The Russians, with 35,000 men are entrenched strongly at Liao Yang and Pai Chang, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagements already have been fought, the Russians retiring with losses.

The correspondent says, further, that the Japanese are using the same tactics and advancing along the same route they followed during the Chino-Japanese war.

The Ying Kow correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald also says there are vague rumors that the Japanese are fifty miles northwest of Antung and well to the westward of the Yalu river.

To some of the military critics, it is inconceivable that Japan can really have executed such an unexpected and successful turning of the Russian position on the Yalu river, which it is thought would have necessitated the employment of a much larger force than it is believed Japan can possibly have at this point.

The Daily Telegraph says that if the news of this strange and marvelous collapse of Russian power on land is true there is nothing to prevent the Japanese from seizing Mukden and the railroad. There was nothing to compare with this move since Napoleon staggered Europe. Its effect through the East will be stupendous.

Rumors in the Far East continue to circulate, but evidently the British government has no idea that mediation is possible. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, replying to a letter on this subject, which suggested mediation under the Hague convention, said His Majesty's government feared that such an offer could not usefully be made to the belligerents at the present time.

## FLOODS FOLLOW A HARD WINTER

Towns in Eastern States En-  
dangered From Swollen  
Rivers.

Wilkesbarre, March 9.—Wilkesbarre and the Wyoming valley were in a turmoil today, the mighty flow of water made the north branch of the Susquehanna river a vast stretch of water sweeping everything in its path. Industries from Pittston to Nanticoke are closed down on account of the flood.

In the central portion of Wilkesbarre today business is crippled by the high water. The business section of Plymouth is under water and the loss will be heavy. The water backed up so rapidly at the gorges this afternoon that many families were caught in their homes and are living on the upper floors.

Port Jervis, N. Y., March 9.—There is great fear here tonight of a break in the extensive ice jam in the Delaware river at Narrowsburg thirty miles west of here. The gorge is solid for thirty-three miles. Over half the town was

trayal of naval secrets; that the non-commissioned officer was arrested for negligence of duty, and that no document is missing.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON MISSING.  
London, March 10.—Up to a late hour last night the Japanese legation here had heard nothing of the reported fighting at Port Arthur, or of the Russian Vladivostok squadron, but it is considered significant that none of the Russian official despatches make any mention of the Vladivostok cruisers. The news from Washington of the appearance of the Japanese forces at Fung Wang Ching is regarded as important.

MESSIAH DETAINED.  
Seoul, March 9.—A messenger of the Emperor of Korea was detained at Chemulpo, March 8th by the Japanese because he was supposed to be carrying an imperial letter to M. Pavloff, recently Russian minister at Seoul.

RED CROSS WORK.  
Paris, March 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal telegraphs that it is affirmed that the Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, sister of the Czar, is going to Manchuria, to act as superintendent of the Red Cross work.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE.  
London, March 10.—Under date of March 9th, a correspondent of the Times at Tokio, says the Russian advance south of Poesit bay continues.

When he (Smith) was on a foreign mission to Great Britain, he had been instructed not to discuss polygamy. He never had discussed it as an apostle, but as a missionary he had defended it against assaults as a teaching of the Bible. In reply to another question as his attitude toward converts he said he had refrained from discussing polygamy.

Thomas H. Merrill, a bishop and a son of Apostle Merrill, said that he had two wives and that he had six children by the first and four by the second. The youngest child by the second wife is three years old. His second marriage took place in the Logan Temple in 1885, where he said he promised to love, honor and respect the woman and treat her in every way as a wife. He did not know whether marriages performed in the Temple are recorded. He himself kept an individual record. In performing marriages he did not use the same service twice and had looked for a prescribed form for marriages but had not found one.

The names of Apostles Merrill, Tensdale, Taylor and Kester, Samuel Newton, J. K. Tanner and Moses Thatcher were read and they failed to respond to their names. President Smith was asked to do all he can to induce these witnesses to respond to summons.

President Joseph T. Smith and a number of officials of the church who have been witnesses in the case today were excused from further attendance, and they will return to Utah.

GRAIN FREIGHT RATES.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 9.—The railroads entering this city have announced another cut in ex-warehouse grain freight rates from Buffalo, to go into effect March 15th. The cut amounts to four mills on all grain except oats, on which no cut was made. The new rule will be: Wheat and flax seed, 1 cent; corn and rye, .75; oats, .4; barley, .5.

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## Testimony In the Smoot Case

Continuation of Inquiry Into  
Charges of Polygamy  
Against Mormon.

Witnesses From Utah Admit  
Having Had Adequate Num-  
ber of Wives.

Washington, March 9.—Andrew Jensen, assistant historian of the church, at the afternoon session said he had two wives who were sisters, and that they both lived in the same house, though he lives with the first.

Lorain Harmer testified that he was a bishop for five or six years, he was sent to the penitentiary in 1899 upon conviction of unchastity and lost his good standing. He said he had two wives, Ellen and Ida, and had also lived with Ellen Anderson, but not as her husband. He said she had two children by him, one since he had returned from the penitentiary.

He had contributed nothing for the care of her or her children. She had property of her own. He said he had lived Mr. Smoot had caused his arrest; that Smoot who was a councillor to the President of the State, told him the church proposed to take away his bishopric and other offices because he had committed a crime (adultery).

Myron M. Smith, 32 years old, a son of President Smith, and one of the twelve apostles, read a speech he made in 1894 in which he said each one in the matter of obeying laws does as he pleases, but that each must bear the consequences of his acts. He said that was his view. Polygamous cohabitation had never been talked at a conference at which Mr. Smoot was present.

When he (Smith) was on a foreign mission to Great Britain, he had been instructed not to discuss polygamy. He never had discussed it as an apostle, but as a missionary he had defended it against assaults as a teaching of the Bible. In reply to another question as his attitude toward converts he said he had refrained from discussing polygamy.

Thomas H. Merrill, a bishop and a son of Apostle Merrill, said that he had two wives and that he had six children by the first and four by the second. The youngest child by the second wife is three years old. His second marriage took place in the Logan Temple in 1885, where he said he promised to love, honor and respect the woman and treat her in every way as a wife. He did not know whether marriages performed in the Temple are recorded. He himself kept an individual record. In performing marriages he did not use the same service twice and had looked for a prescribed form for marriages but had not found one.

The names of Apostles Merrill, Tensdale, Taylor and Kester, Samuel Newton, J. K. Tanner and Moses Thatcher were read and they failed to respond to their names. President Smith was asked to do all he can to induce these witnesses to respond to summons.

President Joseph T. Smith and a number of officials of the church who have been witnesses in the case today were excused from further attendance, and they will return to Utah.

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## COLONIA TO TAKE ACTION

Asks Paris Court to Forbid the  
Canal Company Ceding  
Its Rights.

Paris, March 10.—The Colombian government has brought action against the Panama Canal Company, asking the First Chamber, a civil tribunal, to forbid the company ceding its property and rights to a foreign government.

Colombia bases her request on the twenty-first article of the concession to the company that gives the state the right to refuse to permit the transfer of the company's property, and holds that the present transfer was primarily brought about by force.

Counsel for Colombia urges that the new government of Panama has no legal existence, but that it is purely revolutionary.

The case will be argued at length today.

Paris, March 9.—Owing to the reports of a hitch in the Panama canal negotiations, United States Ambassador Porter and the president held a conference today. Mr. Porter maintained that there is not the slightest obstacle to the completion of the transfer of the canal company's property to the United States. Mr. B. particularly emphasized the need for concluding the transfer before April 25th, saying that every formality, legal and otherwise, would be effected before that date. Concerning the suits against the company, Mr. B. explained that the one involved Colombia and the com-



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pany, the United States not being interested.

The case of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company came up today before the first chamber of the tribunal of the Seine, M. Dittie, presiding. There are two cases before the court, the first seeking to prevent the transfer of the canal concessions to the United States, and the other relative to the right of Colombia to hold shares in the company. The arguments today were upon the first case. On behalf of Colombia, Maitre Brunet cited the original concession requiring the express authorization of Colombia before any transfer could be valid and asserted that Panama did not exist as a free and independent state, but was simply a revolutionary organization. Moreover, the rights which Colombia acquired under the terms of the original concession were inalienable and could not be taken up by Panama.

Maitre DuRuit, one of the foremost advocates in the Hamlet proceedings, argued for the company. He insisted on the regularity of the organization of the government of Panama, declared all the rights of Colombia had been extinguished, and said the company was bound to recognize the condition of superior force which transferred the sovereignty over the canal route from Colombia to Panama.

Counsel for Bonaparte Wyse, the original concessionaire and A. J. Morritt, in behalf of Colombia as a shareholder, were also heard. The arguments are in progress.

DIED.

MOHRIS.—At 14 Stanley avenue, on March 8th, Claudine Marguerite, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morris, aged two months and 20 days. Funeral from the residence Thursday, the 10th, at 2:30 p. m.

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## THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Now that the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Company have approved of the amended agreement with the Dominion Government for the construction and operation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, the last obstacle to the carrying out of the enterprise may be considered as removed. From the reports of the meeting of the shareholders in London on Tuesday last, it appears there was a strong and well-organized opposition to the Grand Trunk Company undertaking any responsibility in connection with the project. It is not difficult to understand the reason for this opposition. While it is quite possible that the Vice-President of the Company was correct in his assertion that interested rivals had attempted to block the scheme, it is probable that another reason was what influenced many of the shareholders in their attempt to defeat or, at least, to postpone the proposal to approve the agreement with the Dominion Government. The history of the Grand Trunk Company for nearly thirty years was a record of financial difficulties and disappointing results. The ordinary shareholders seemed for ever debarred from the possibility of any return upon their capital, which, through the straits to which the Company was often reduced had been issued on such terms that the entire capitalization of the concern represented large amounts of water. The security even of the debenture holders for the punctual payment of their interest was sometimes a matter of doubt, while in regard to some of the various classes of Preference Stock there was default in the payment of any dividend. With the change in the management some ten years ago, whereby better methods of operation of the road were secured and efforts successfully made to bring the undertaking up to a physical condition equal to that of its rivals, an improved state of things was brought about. While larger amounts were expended on betterments of the permanent way and the rolling stock and equipments were practically renewed, the net earnings continued to make a better showing in the annual reports. Gradually one class after another in the Preference stocks began to receive their agreed dividends, so that at the present time, notwithstanding the original over capitalization of the Company from the cause we have mentioned, it has become almost a practical question as to what scheme shall be proposed so as to put the Ordinary Stock on a modest dividend basis. With such a remarkable change in the fortunes of the Company, it is not surprising that shareholders in England should regard with considerable anxiety and doubt the wisdom and prudence of involving the Company in the great financial responsibilities that an agreement to undertake the construction of a transcontinental railway must necessarily imply. Mr. Hays, the General Manager of the Company, did not hesitate to put the situation clearly before them. He pointed out that if the Company did not accept the Government's offer, there were other parties who would do so and set up a competition with the Company, the results of which must be disastrous. With the settlement of Western Canada, any great Canadian railway system must have its main line and feeders throughout the country to secure the traffic which that settlement is developing. For the Grand Trunk Railway to be confined to the Eastern Provinces would mean its practical exclusion from the great field of railway enterprise in the future. It would see its rivals gathering up the traffic in the West and carrying it to the Eastern seaboard by lines paralleling the Grand Trunk system. When too late it was compelled to undertake the construction of Western extensions, it would be impossible to secure Government aid, while it would have to compete with rivals that had already established themselves. Fortunately for the Grand Trunk Company's future, as we believe, and for the interests of Canada, especially the Western part of it, Mr. Hays' arguments prevailed and the shareholders approved the agreement. The management has lost no time in giving practical expression to that approval, and yesterday deposited in Montreal cash to the amount of \$5,000,000 as the security for the carrying out of the agreement, according to the stipulation in that effect.

The Dominion Parliament meets to-day, and one of the most important matters that will occupy its attention at this session will be the ratification of the amended agreement between the Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. There can be no reasonable doubt that this will be done, with the result of the actual preliminary work of construction being commenced during the coming season. A few days ago we discussed the details of the proposed amendments in the agreement, and it is not necessary to refer to them again. The most important to British Columbia is that by which the Government, instead of limiting its guarantee on bonds for the construction of the mountain section of the road to \$30,000 per mile, is authorized to guarantee 75 per cent. of the actual cost of that section. The value to British Columbia of a line opening up the Northern part of this Province can scarcely be over-estimated. That such a scheme was desirable was shown by the action of the Provincial Legislature three years ago in voting millions of dollars as a subsidy in aid of such a project. Many people questioned the ability of the Province to incur such an obligation under its financial position and held that such a work was really a national one and not a Provincial affair, and should, if aided at all, be assisted by the Dominion. By the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific Company this is now being done without the addition of one dollar to the financial obligations of the Province or the surrender of one acre of its lands. Nor can the people of Eastern Canada fairly object to this arrangement. While the aid will come from the Dominion as a whole, the people of British Columbia will contribute their share—a share, which it may be pointed out in passing, is larger per capita of the population than the people of other Provinces contribute to the Dominion Treasury.

## WILL THE JAPANESE WIN?

The shock which the Russian fleet at Port Arthur jarred all Russia as well, and aroused the Muscovite to a realizing sense that in the "pizmy barbarian" he had met a most formidable foe. The subsequent action at Chemulpo, when two Russian ironclads were destroyed and four transports seized with 2,000 troops, apprised the Russians that they have underrated their foe and that neither in naval tactics nor in diplomacy have they shown the sagacity or fighting qualities of the Japanese. English experts are just now sending to the press their opinions of the ultimate outcome of the struggle, and those opinions are, in the main, favorable to the Japanese. The Russian commanders have belittled the damage sustained by their Port Arthur fleet, but the fact remains that they have lost several battleships and cruisers, and that the fleet is so badly crippled as to be unable to assume the defensive. The Japanese are enabled to sweep the gulfs and seas and bombard Port Arthur and Vladivostok at their leisure without fear of retaliation. The enforced inaction of the Russian ships has also enabled the Japanese to pour men and munitions of war into Korea, which has been selected as the battlefield. In fact every bay and harbor of Korea is practically under Japanese control, and should the report that the Vladivostok squadron has become the prey of the Japanese be verified, the operations of the Russians on the water will be at an end. With the destruction or capitulation of the Russian fleet, the war will narrow itself to a contest on the land. The struggle will be keen and the end cannot be foreseen. Both sides express confidence in ultimate triumph, and with the Japanese masters of the sea the advantage lies with their favor. Every step taken by the Japanese shows a thoroughly thought out scheme of war. Having already effected a lodgment in Korea, they are pushing northward, and have possessed themselves of passes in the mountain system, which they are fortifying with feverish haste. The wisdom of Alexieff in retiring to Harbin is admitted from a military point of view, but Russian prestige has suffered severely because of his necessary abandonment of Port Arthur as a military base. The effect upon the Russian nation is depressing and disquieting, and gives strength to the revolutionary societies that permeate the Empire, who profess to look upon the movement as evidence of defeat.

The report telegraphed from Ottawa that the Dominion authorities will not disallow the Bill passed by the Provincial Legislature at the session last year regarding the coal and oil lands in East Kootenay, has inspired some Opposition newspapers to denounce the Provincial Government in anticipation of any action it may take in reference to the lands in question. Prudent people would wait and see what is done before venturing on any criticism. But there are others!

The news yesterday from the seat of war is too vague and contradictory in some of its details to afford any reliable information as to the actual situation. It is evident that the strictest censorship is being exercised over every item that is allowed over the wires. Consequently there is reason to believe that a good deal of the "news" that is coming forward is the result of the efforts of correspondents at Chinese points who strive to give an intelligent forecast of what they think should occur, but clothed in habiliments that seem to give the items a realistic character.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

By numerous enquiries received by the Eagle, and a close perusal of our exchanges, it is not difficult to see which mining district is in the most favorable position. It is not the one which is expected to occur. One can scarcely pick up a paper that has not something in about the Lardeau and the probabilities of its becoming very soon one of the greatest gold and silver producing portions of Canada. Every indication that is wanted is shown that this anticipation will come about, so there is great anxiety felt and shown to get into the district early, either for the purpose of prospecting for claims that must yet exist, undiscovered, in large numbers, or for the purpose of acquiring partially proven property before the prices of such properties are raised to a high figure.—Larson's Eagle.

Four cars of ore are now ready for shipment at the Handy group. Sinking has been discontinued until the necessary equipment and pumping has been installed. The tunnel on which they are now working is in 25 feet and is following a lead running nearly at right angles to the ore body, which the shaft is being sunk. Col. Braden, manager of the company, is expected at the mine this week.—Popular Nugget.

The free-milling property with which Mr. Kelly is identified as owner and operator is the May and Jennie, located about four miles west of Nelson in the heart of the free milling zone drained by Boyer, Forty-Nine and Sully creeks, and which thousands of dollars' worth of placer gold has been washed in the past thirty years. The May and Jennie has a history. About four years ago it was owned by Mr. Kelly, a French mining corporation represented in British Columbia by Jules Fleutot, now operating extensive coal properties in Western Alberta. Fleutot's corporation paid about \$40,000 for the property, which was erected, or partially

erected, a ten-stamp mill. It was eventually demonstrated that the mill was not constructed on May and Jennie ground, so that it did not revert to the owners of the property when the bond was thrown up, as would have been the case had the machinery been located within the lines of the claim. After the sum specified had been paid on the property, almost as much more in development work and a large sum in equipment, the bond was thrown up, and Fleutot transferred his field of activity elsewhere.—Rossland Miner.

The placer camps of Wild Horse are situated four miles from the town of Fort Steele, and can be reached by an easy trail, or wagon road. The Invicta Gold Mines, Ltd., is the title of the English company which controls about a mile and a quarter of hill-diggings on the northwest side of the creek, also extensive claims on the southeast side. The gravel has been thoroughly prospected, and the early results, show very satisfactory results, and Wild Horse creek has earned for itself a place among the richest gold mining camps of British Columbia.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Word reached the city this afternoon that at Sayward yesterday the buildings of Mr. Bower were totally destroyed by fire, nothing of any importance being saved. Harry White, who was at Mr. Bower's place, lost a valuable watch and chain and a double barreled shot gun, while five other men who were also working for Mr. Bower and living in the house, lost all their clothing. The men were all in the bush when the fire started, only Mrs. Bower and the children being at home.—Trail Creek News.

The B. C. Copper Co. has issued a circular announcing the abandonment of its plan of consolidating with the Snowshoe Co. The plan failed because the Snowshoe company did not meet the requirements considered essential by the B. C. Copper Co. It is surmised that money market conditions are chiefly responsible for the failure of the deal.—Nelson News.

## THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS.

Of in the still night  
 Ere slumber's chain has bound me,  
 Fond Memory brings the light  
 Of other days around me.  
 The smiles, the tears  
 Of boyhood's years,  
 The words of love then spoken;  
 The eyes that shone,  
 Now dimmed and gone,  
 The cheerful hearts now broken:  
 Thus in the still night  
 Ere slumber's chain has bound me,  
 Fond Memory brings the light  
 Of other days around me.  
 When I remember all  
 The friends so linked together  
 I've seen around me fall  
 Like leaves in wintry weather,  
 I feel like one  
 Who trends alone  
 Some banquet hall deserted,  
 Whose lights are fled,  
 Whose garlands are dead,  
 And all but he departed!  
 Thus in the still night  
 Ere slumber's chain has bound me,  
 Sad Memory brings the light  
 Of other days around me.  
 —Thomas Moore.

## PRESS COMMENT.

All that she (Japan) called upon Russia to do was to recognize by a bilateral agreement with her the integrity and independence of the Chinese and Korean empires. Russia has again and again proclaimed that this is one of the cardinal principles of her policy. Why, if she is honest, does she hesitate to pledge herself to it in a binding and unmistakable form? Her scepticisms suggest that such a step would infringe her dignity. Is her sense of dignity more delicate than that of England and France, who did not think it any slight upon their honor to engage in a very similar agreement in regard to Siam. — London Times.

Politically speaking, Russia is the aggressor. She has occupied a province of China in which Japan has a prior claim, and she can secure her end by merely defending her position. . . . Japan's object must be to defeat Russia in the theatre of war, and then to render it impracticable for Russia to restore to that theatre of war the balance in her own favor. But sooner or later must come the moment when the appeal will be made to other powers to exert their influence on the settlement.—London Morning Post.

The first duty of England in the calamitous war which impends in the Far East is . . . to "maintain a strict neutrality," and use its efforts to prevent other powers from joining in hostilities against its ally. . . . It is one which will involve much forethought and circumspection on the part of the British government. It calls also for self-restraint and moderation on the part of the people behind the government. . . . We may all usefully remember that . . . there is no useful purpose to be served; but rather the reverse, by expressions of frenzied partisanship or ingenuitously hostility. . . . As for the real and ultimate responsibility, it must obviously rest with that power which has disturbed the status quo in the Far East.—London Daily Chronicle.

No one who has followed the expressions of opinion which have reflected the temper prevailing in high places in St. Petersburg can help suspecting that no adequate allowance has been made for the earnestness and determination of the Japanese. Had there been any serious appreciation of this—the paramount factor in determining diplomatic methods—it is inconceivable that such a course would have been followed with so long, and that a proud and powerful race would have been irritated by a succession of slights and wanton delays. It is with no wish to wound the patriotic sentiment of the subjects of the Czar that the question is so often asked what Russia has to gain in comparison with the sacrifices which she must make, and the grave risk she incurs. If it is as an individual state, Russia has the strongest motive of self-interest for meeting its adversary while he is yet in the way, a study of continental opinion will dissuade the most headlong of the Charlatans from trusting to external aid or support.—London Standard.

To the Japanese the question is one—at least as they think it—of life or death. The naturally declining to be put off with suave equivocations which have been accepted by—but have not deceived—our own foreign ministers for years past, Japan, therefore, has the unforgotten sympathy of the Anglo-Saxon race in the struggle into which she has been forced to enter. More even than this, she can rely upon the material support of these Anglo-Saxons—on whom there is no reason to suppose that support—should Russia endeavor to destroy her existence as an independent Imperial power.—London Daily Telegraph.

## MEN AND THINGS.

Queen Victoria's old yacht Victoria and Albert, which was built for her four or five years after her accession, and which she continued to use until her death, is being broken up at Portsmouth. King Edward has given most peremptory orders that with the exception of the figurehead, wheel and a few other ornamental portions of the vessel, which are to be placed in and around the Royal Yacht Club, beside the Virginia water at Windsor, every vestige of the boat is to be burned within the precincts of the dockyard. It is determined that no portion of the yacht, not even a piece of wood belonging thereto, should be carried away by curio hunters anxious for mementos of the ship.

Lord Selkome, speaking at Woodbridge, in reference to the navy estimates, said that the vast mercantile marine owes its safety to the navy. Supplies of food from all over the world are brought to the door daily as surely and safely as the daily paper, because the navy guards them on the sea. There will be no conscription as long as the navy is kept up.

Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., speaking at Kautsford, laid special emphasis on the contention that Chamberlain's proposals would not be the slightest detriment to the slightest, while in return for preferential trade with the colonies, a

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practical monopoly of their trade would be secured.

Stead's Daily Paper died after a very short life, with a remark by the editor, "It's no use carrying on this hopeless struggle."

The Clan-Na-Gael demands "more sympathy for Russia." Of course, the members will subscribe largely to the Russian soldiers' relief fund.

The Mad Mullah will be gratified as well as mad when he hears that the British campaign against him cost £12,000,000.

The fact is brought out by the Educational Review that over \$13,000,000 persons are enrolled in the Sunday schools of this country. In the public schools the enrollment is of nearly 5,000,000, or only 3,000,000 more. The accusation that the religious education of children is neglected in America, with the consequence of inevitable degeneration in our society, as alleged by the Rev. Mr. Geer, is not sustained by these statistics. More attention seems to be given to the religious training of children in this country by churches and in schools and by home instruction than in any other of Christendom.

## RESIDUALITIES.

"Now, there are plenty of kinds of whiskey," said Representative Olli-James, of Kentucky, "but the people in our state contend that our bourbon is the best in the world. We sell to outsiders all that does not pass our test." "What is the test?" asked Representative Bolder, of Ohio. "Why," said Mr. James, "we inject one drop of it into the veins of a rabbit, and if after that the rabbit will not fight a bulldog the whiskey is 'good'."

Judge Rowlands—Your face is familiar. I've seen you before. Prisoner—Yes, your honor, quite often. Judge Rowlands—Ah! What was the charge the last time I saw you? Prisoner—I think it was fifteen cents. Your honor, I missed a cocktail for you.—Philadelphia Press.

Sir Frederick Treves, the famous English surgeon, who has just retired, established a record in performing one thousand consecutive operations for appendicitis without a death.

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## Slippers:

600 pairs of Slippers (Ladies) go on sale Friday at \$1.75 per pair. Ten different styles in Kid and Patent Leather. All our values from \$2.00 to \$3.00 go in this sale. [See Government Street Window].

A Fortunate purchase of Taffeta Silk—480 yards—colors, Champagne, Pinks, Blues, Helio, Cardinal, Brown, Yellow, Magenta, Greys, Etc. Regular price 75c..... Friday 50c yard

## Clothing Department—\$3.50 to \$5 Suits \$2.50

97 Sample 3-piece Suits, sizes 27 to 33, Tweeds, Worsted and Check Cloths, some with bloomer trousers, but mostly plain, regular selling prices \$3.50 to \$5.00 .....Friday \$2.50

Remnants of Linoleums and Oilcloths Marked for Friday

## MORE NEW VESTINGS!!

Manufacturers have certainly done themselves credit in the manufacture of these new Vestings for Spring. Some entirely new weaves shown to-day. Basket weaves with Dresden border in various colorings, new canvas effects in Black and White ..... 35c and 50c yard

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 New Chiffon Ruffs.  
 40 new styles in Neckwear. Prices 25c. to \$2.50.

## Lace Department

Crepe De Chine Robes, Satin Duchesse Robes and Voile Robes, trimmed handsomely with lace. Prices \$13.50 to \$100.  
 More new Dress Materials at popular prices. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.  
 Voiles, Canvas Weaves, New Fancy Tweed effects.

## New Dress Goods

The Spring Season of 1904 is being marked by the display of many Fabrics of great merit in both Silk, Wool and Cotton Goods.  
 Voiles have enjoyed a continued favor, and are shown in great variety, including Mohair, Voile, Chiffon Voile, Etamine Voile, Silk Voile, Eclatines, etc.  
 Mohairs and Stiffenings will be used freely, both for separate Skirts or neat Tailored Costumes.  
 Flax has contributed a fair share to the new fabrics of this Season, the same effects which have been obtained with Voiles and Etamines are produced in great variety in these materials, from the finest Lanes to the extreme open mesh cloths.

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Information as to what will be worn will be useful even to those who make their selections later.

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## C. P. R. to Carry British Troops

Reported From Toronto That  
Imperial Government is Pre-  
paring For Contingencies.

Gen. Manager McNichol Hints  
Big Movement of Soldiers  
May Take Place.

Now that war is in full swing between Russia and Japan, the question of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a means of transport of British troops to the scene of the conflict has come to the fore. A report comes from Toronto that the local officials of the company are of the opinion that a contract has recently been effected between the British government and the Canadian Pacific railway which calls for the transportation of British troops in case of an emergency. That contract would appear to point to the British War Office being alive to the perils of the present war situation and all preparations are being made for the rapid transport of troops across the imperial highway to the front if necessary.

Mr. D. McNichol, first vice president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, interviewed on the subject in Montreal recently, did not deny the existence of a newly made contract with the British government, although he was not prepared to give any particulars of the contract or its provisions. He contented himself with remarking that the Canadian Pacific Railway was continually engaged in transport work

## PINGYANG ON THE YALU.

Name is Applied Both to Province and City.

The announcement that, after doing some scouting south of the Yalu, the Russians have recrossed that river into Manchuria, seems to discredit the story of a few days ago that their army had advanced to Pingyang—a story which we doubted at the time. The explanation probably lies in a confusion of the names of the city of Pingyang and the province of Pingyang. The moment the Russians crossed the Yalu they were in the province of Pingyang, but the city of that name was still a hundred miles to the south. It is true that just before the outbreak of the war the Japanese government directed all its citizens in the northern part of that country to move southward at least as far as Wonsan. The latter place is on the east coast and is the port at which a strong Japanese army is said to have been landed. It is almost exactly opposite Pingyang, which is near the west coast. That order to leave northern Korea apparently went to the Japanese government expected that region to be fighting ground, and that instead of meeting the Russians at the Yalu it expected to meet them somewhere on the line from Wonsan to Pingyang.—New York Tribune.

## BOMBARDMENT LAW.

It is a clear rule in modern international law that, in the event of sieges and bombardments, the inviolability of non-military centres, buildings, and non-combatants is to be preserved as far as possible.

Indeed, by the Brussels conference of 1864 it is expressly laid down that all necessary steps are to be taken to spare as far as possible buildings devoted to religion, arts, sciences and charity and hospitals and places where the sick and wounded are collected on condition that these buildings are marked by special signs notified beforehand and easily seen by the besiegers.

## "SMOKER" BY SHIPMASTERS

A Splendid Programme and an  
Enjoyable Evening at  
Pioneer Hall.

Last evening at the Pioneer Hall the officers and members of the Victoria branch of the Merchant Service Guild of Canada, gave a splendid smoker, at which there was a large attendance, good music and a splendid programme and plenty to smoke, drink and eat.

In a programme of such excellence as that presented last evening, it would be unfair to single out any one feature. Mr. J. B. Rickaby's "Habits" readings were certainly most keenly enjoyed and most excellently rendered, and were among the most interesting and amusing features of the whole evening. The following gentlemen assisted in the programme: Capt. Wallace Langley (chairman and president), T. Harmon, W. Porter, Geo. Kirkendale, C. P. Ashton, Peter Gordon, C. J. Cullen, W. Allan, while Mr. Geo. Werner accompanied the singers in his inimitable style and played several selections.

During the evening R. Hall, M. P. P., was called upon and spoke on the measure later to be introduced regarding the extension of the franchise so as to include seamen away at the time of the elections. He said the member for Cassiar, Mr. Clifford, had introduced the bill, and he had backed him up all he could. Unfortunately the opposition to the measure had defeated it last session, but he hoped to see it introduced again at the next sitting.

C. W. Clifford, M. P. P., also spoke, and paid a high compliment to the society on the excellence of the programme. He spoke most highly of the great work done by the men "who go down to the sea in ships." He said they had, from the days of Noah until today, been the pioneers in discovery and civilization. He said that even with the steamers of the present day it required the same skill and daring to navigate a coast like that up north, as was required in the days of the old sailing vessels. He regretted that the measure he had introduced at the late sitting of the House had been defeated, but he said he felt satisfied that when it was reintroduced next session it would pass without a dissenting voice. He quoted some of the objections raised, and caused considerable merriment by relating some of them.

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New Market For Fish Created by  
Outbreak of War In Far  
East.

Bellingham, March 8.—The Russian-Japanese war is proving a boon to the fishing industry, particularly the cheaper grades, or pink salmon. As a result the prospects for the coming season are very much brighter for the coming season than they did a few weeks ago. There is never any dearth in the run of the cheaper grades of salmon, and if they command good prices there is an encouragement for the canners to pack them.

The prevailing low prices of a few weeks ago brought about by a well-known combination of circumstances designed to benefit the sockeye market, was proving well-nigh disastrous to many cannermen, whose output is confined chiefly to the cheaper grades, but who can now go on with the promise of better times and a chance to make money. This is also encouraging to other interests, because so far as the community is concerned, there is practically as much benefit derived from the packing of a case of cheap salmon as from the higher grades.

These are conclusions adduced by men who have been in close touch with the fishing industry since its infancy. It is a fact that but very recently pink salmon was quoted at only 50 cents a dozen. The demand caused by the outbreak of war in the Far East has caused a sharp advance, and now buyers are going among the cannermen who are so fortunate as to have stores on hand and offering 65 cents. The cannermen are holding out stiff for 75 cents, and con-

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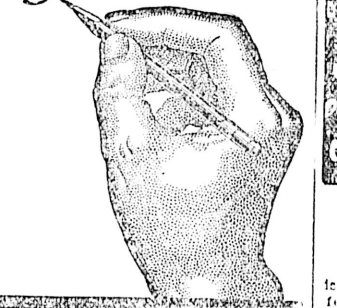
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| Victoria.....                                     | 0:00       | 12:00      | Victoria.....       | 8:00                    | 7:00    |
| Shawnigan Lake.....                               | 10:20      | 10:40      | Shawnigan Lake..... | 4:20                    | 5:40    |
| Duncan.....                                       | 11:00      | 10:00      | Duncan.....         | 4:00                    | 5:00    |
| Ladysmith.....                                    | 11:57      | 9:10       | Ladysmith.....      | 3:40                    | 4:00    |
| Nanaimo.....                                      | 12:40      | 8:20       | Nanaimo.....        | 3:15                    | 3:45    |
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## The Men Who Are Whipping the Russians



GEN. PRINCE KOMATSU AND JAPANESE GENERAL STAFF

for the British Government and he was not aware of any extra preparations being made in that direction. Replying to the question as to the British government making use of the Canadian Pacific railway in the event of England being dragged into the embargo in the East, Mr. McNichol said laconically, "I suppose they would."

Under the new Railway Act, however, the Canadian Pacific railway could be compelled to place all its resources at the disposal of the British government in the event of war taking place in which Great Britain took part. In the event of Great Britain being dragged into the struggle between Japan and Russia it was pointed out by one of the officials that it was very unlikely that the ordinary business of the company would be seriously neglected while the interests of the government were being carried out.

## ROUGH ON WHISKY

Her Son Has Never Tasted Liquor Since Taking Samaria.

Tilsburg, Ont., June 4, 1900.  
Dear Sirs—I write to say that my son has never tasted a drop of liquor since he started taking your remedy.

I received a letter from my other son's wife and she says her husband is drunk all the time, so I enclose \$6.00 for two bottles, which kindly send by return mail.

I think your medicine should be in every drug store in town. If there ever were any Christians on this earth it is you people, and may God bless you all. Yours truly, Mrs. E.

Lever's Y-Z (Wine Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

FOR THE COMMONS.

Guythorpe, N. S., March 9.—John Sinclair (Liberal), and Captain Griffin (Conservative), were nominated today for the bye-election in the House of Commons.

Quebec, March 9.—Dr. A. G. Bello, coroner of Quebec, and nephew of late Sir Alexandre Bello, Lieut.-Governor of Quebec, died this morning aged 63 years.

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Chicago, March 9.—A northbound suburban train on the Rock Island road ran into an open switch tonight when passing 45th street, and after running as far as 44th street, collided with a dead switch engine. The engine and the first coach of the suburban train were telescoped, and the switch engine was smashed. The only persons injured were the engineer and fireman of the suburban train.

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PERSONALS.  
Mrs. Hurst of San Francisco, is in town on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKinnon, of Cornswood road.  
Wm. Drury, one of the pioneer merchants of White Horse, is a guest at the Dominion.  
Jules Eggert of Alton, is registered at the Dominion.  
P. Matheson, manager of the Hudson Bay Co.'s post at Telegraph Creek, is a guest at the Dominion.  
C. E. Fowler, of Seattle, is a guest at the Vernon.  
Mr. John Prentice of the B. C. sugar refinery is registered at the Vernon.  
P. Carter-Cotton, M.P.P., came over from the mainland and is a guest at the Dominion.  
Mr. Justice Martin arrived on yesterday's Princess Beatrice from Seattle, having travelled from the East via the Northern Pacific railway.  
E. V. Bowdell, K.C., senior member of the firm of Bowdell & Duff, arrived from the East yesterday on the steamer Princess Beatrice.  
Chas. Justice Hunter was a passenger from Seattle on yesterday's Princess Beatrice.







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## Voyage Across

**Steamer Iyo Maru Sails For Japanese Ports This Morning.**

**They May Be Employed For the Imperial Transport Service.**

Yesterday afternoon the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Iyo Maru arrived at the ocean dock on her way from Seattle to Yokohama with a large cargo of produce and quite a large number of passengers.

Amongst the returning passengers is Mrs. Jones, formerly of Vancouver, who came over on the Iyo Maru and has been purchasing a very complete outfit in the Sound cities for her approaching marriage with Mr. Farrell of Tokyo, also formerly of Vancouver. Mrs. Jones spent some time here with her Victoria friends, and her descriptions of Japan were exceedingly interesting. It is the one place on earth in which she can live contentedly, she says, the climate being here to perfection, and the manners and customs of the Japanese being delightful. Mrs. Jones has been a great favorite in the European groups in Japan, who seem by all accounts to have a very jolly time of it, and to know nothing of the horrors of emul.

The Iyo's cargo consisted principally of food staples, and cotton; she had also a large quantity of manufactured iron and general merchandise. It is an unusually large cargo for war time, but it is by no means the Iyo's limit by a good many hundred tons.

It is expected that this will be the Iyo Maru's last trip for a long while, as the Japanese government requires every transport that can be had for the carrying of troops and munitions across the two seas to Korea and Manchuria, not to mention Vladivostok.

The Iyo Maru left for Japan at 6 o'clock this morning.

## HOUGOMONT HERE.

Big British Bark Arrives From United Kingdom With General Cargo.

On Tuesday afternoon the tug Richard Holyoke towed the British four-masted bark Hougomont, 2261 tons register, Capt. Lowe, from the Cape to Royal Roads, where she will remain until tomorrow, when she will be towed to the ocean docks to berth where the steamer Ping Suey is now discharging. The Hougomont is 140 days out from Glasgow with a general cargo for Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, the local freight, about 800 tons, being consigned to Messrs R. P. Rihet & Co. The Hougomont encountered a little stormy weather rounding the Horn, but with that exception the voyage was desultory of interest. The bark from the United Kingdom was made in about the average time.

## HYADES IN TROUBLE.

Captain Wright to be Arrested for Refusing to Show Papers.

Capt. George Wright, master of the steamship Hyades, now in this port and ready to sail this afternoon for the Orient, will be arrested this morning on a warrant issued by Judge Thinf, desisting from the voyage, charged by the United States commercial agent or vice consul at Vladivostok, Russia, with refusing to show his register, Mediterranean passport or his sea letter when in that port on July 28 and October 13, last, yesterday's Post-Intelligencer. The complaint was filed in the Federal court by Deputy United States Attorney Cushman.

Capt. Wright said last night that he has been expecting arrest on this charge ever since arriving in this country from his last voyage, and is ready to give

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Plasters and Liniments No Good.

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TORONTO, ONT.

## Opening of First Fat Stock Show

New Westminster's Enterprise Is Meeting With Deserved Success.

Attendance Somewhat Small But Numerous Exhibits Very Fine.

New Westminster, March 9.—Yesterday afternoon Hon. R. G. Tallow, minister of agriculture, formally opened at Queen's park the first fat stock and spring stallion show ever held in this far west. These shows are an annual feature at Guelph and other Ontario points as well as in Nova Scotia, and an enormous number of people are expected to attend this year.

The weather was ideal, a beautiful spring day, but the attendance at the opening was rather small. (The people present made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.) The opening occurred under the most auspicious circumstances.

The exhibition is being held in Machinery hall, the building lying to the east of the main building, and on the steps of the hall yesterday Mr. T. J. Trapp, president of the R. A. & L. Society of British Columbia made the first speech. He opened his remarks by thanking all and sundry who had aided in the making of this first spring fat stock show. He particularly mentioned the provincial government, the city of New Westminster and Dr. Hopkins, late of Vancouver, but now of the staff of the British Columbia Advocate. The latter had taken a very active interest in the show, and Mr. Trapp regretted that he was unable to be present. After a few other remarks he declared the show open.

The hon. gentleman expressed himself as highly honored by the request to open the first fat stock show to be held in British Columbia. Perhaps the show had not the same importance as those of those interested, but it was a good thing to make a beginning. He hoped the show would be an annual event and would grow as had the big provincial show, which he had seen every fall. As New Westminster is the centre of the farming district of the rich Fraser valley, he had no fears but what the show would grow and prosper. The government wished the show every success, and he had much pleasure in declaring it formally open to the public.

Mr. Trapp then asked Dr. Black, of Winnipeg, and a co-worker of Dr. Hopkins, to make a few remarks. The doctor said that it gave him great pleasure to be present at the first British Columbia stock show, and he congratulated the executive of the R. A. & L. Society on its energy in establishing this show. When the Guelph show was first started it was on a small scale. It had grown until it is now an agricultural event of great importance to Ontario. So would the Westminster show grow, Dr. Black stated that no judge would be allowed to make a decision at this show unless he gave his reasons for so doing.

The first lecture was then given by Dr. Black on "Dairy Stock Judging." Taking a grade course for purposes of illustration, Dr. Black gave a very excellent address and enlightened his audience as to the many methods of judging. These lectures cannot fail to be of great benefit to the farmers, and it is hoped that they will attend in large numbers.

There is no admission fee and the lectures are free to all. The show is not being run as a money-making proposition, but to encourage the stock growers of the province. But the benefit is not only to the stock growers for specialists will lecture on the cutting up of beef and tell housewives how to select the best portions. The exhibits are not quite up to expectations, but what there are are excellent and the blue-blooded stock is some of the finest that treads the pastures of the West.

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## LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Quarterly Meeting Was Held Yesterday Afternoon—Several Applications.

Yesterday afternoon at the Police court the new board of license commissioners held their first quarterly meeting. There were present the three commissioners, viz., His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Vincent and Mr. J. T. Croft, the city solicitor and the chief of police.

The following applications were heard and disposed of: December 3, 1903, Charles Robert Johnson and Edward Harris from last sitting; application for transfer of Horseshoe saloon to Walter Arthur Millington and Frederick Leslie Wolfenden. Granted, December 30, 1903, Stephen White; application for license of Commercial hotel, Douglas street, to William H. Stafford. Granted, January 22, Fred Mason; application for transfer of license of Everett's Exchange saloon, Esquimalt road, to Philip Cronbie. Granted, February 3, George B. Howard; application for license of International hotel, Johnson street, to Richard McGoldrick. March 7, John Barrett; application for transfer of license of Omineca saloon, Douglas street, to William H. Stafford. Application for transfer of license of Commercial hotel to Alfred Wood. March 9, John Henry Gosnell; application for transfer of license of the Imperial hotel, theatre building, to Jacob J. Schmidt. March 9, James McManus; application for transfer of license of Albion saloon, Yates street, to Geo. L. Jones. March 9, Joseph Hall; application for license of present license to a bottle license to the Windsor Grocery Company on Government street. All these had temporary permits ratified and extended to the next sitting of the board.

## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, March 9.—8 p.m. SYNOPSIS.

An ocean storm area developed today on Vancouver Island and Washington coasts, and fresh southerly easterly winds prevailed there and on the waters of the Straits. Rain has fallen along the American coast and temperatures in general are above normal. East of the Rockies the weather is cold and snow is falling in all sections of the Territory and Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

|                 | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Victoria        | 35   | 46   |
| New Westminster | 32   | 40   |
| Kanluods        | 28   | 38   |
| Barkerville     | 12   | 32   |
| Dawson          | -24  | -2   |
| Calgary         | 8    | 11   |
| Winnipeg        | 4    | 14   |
| Portland, Ore.  | 50   | 55   |
| San Francisco   | 48   | 56   |

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate to fresh winds, easterly at first, mostly cloudy with occasional rain, and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly cloudy with occasional rain and little change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

|        | Deg. |
|--------|------|
| 5 a.m. | 38   |
| Mean   | 40   |
| 5 p.m. | 42   |
| Lowest | 35   |

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

|        | 8 miles east.       |
|--------|---------------------|
| Noon   | 20 miles east.      |
| 5 p.m. | 23 miles southeast. |

Average state of weather: Cloudy, rain and melted snow—0.5 inch. Sunshine—36 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed—29.564 Corrected—29.530

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected—29.54

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System was Run Down.

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